

# **Josiah K. Lilly, Jr. letters**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Adams, Randolph Greenfield, 1892–1951
<b>Creator</b>	Lilly, Josiah Kirby, 1893-1966
<b>Title</b>	Josiah K. Lilly, Jr. letters
<b>Date</b>	1942
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S836

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note/Historical Note/Administrative History

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Josiah Kirby Lilly, Jr. (1893-1966) was born to Josiah Kirby and Lilly Rigley Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1914. He married Ruth Marie Brinkmeyer on October 15, 1914, and had two children, Josiah Kirby III and Ruth (Mrs. Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.). He served as director (1914-1917), vice president (1923-1944), executive vice president (1944-1948), and president (1948-1953) of Eli Lilly and Company. He also served as president of the Lilly Endowment, beginning in 1948.

Randolph Greenfield Adams (1892 –1951), notable American librarian and historian, served as director of the William L. Clements Library, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for 28 years. Adams was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to John Stokes and Heloise (Root) Adams. In 1917, he married Helen Newbold Spiller, and in 1920 became a Carnegie Fellow in international law, earning his Ph.D. in history. In 1923 Adams was interviewed by William L. Clements for the director of the new library he was founding, the William L. Clements Library, a rare book and manuscript repository at the University of Michigan. Though he had no background or training as a librarian, his extensive historical scholarship and personal background in rare books helped him earn the post until his death in 1951.

### Sources:

University of Michigan. "History of the William L. Clements Library." Accessed August 27, 2015. <http://clements.umich.edu/history8.php>.

Kaser, David. "Adams, Randolph Greenfield". In *Dictionary of American Library Biography*, ed. Bohdan S. Wynar, George S. Bobinski, and Jesse Hauk Shera. (Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1978), 2–3. Accessed August 27, 2015. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randolph\\_Greenfield\\_Adams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randolph_Greenfield_Adams).

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes two letters written by Randolph G. Adams of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Josiah K. Lilly, Jr. of Indianapolis, Indiana, from February 1942, regarding two Indiana 1841 checks signed by Allen Hamilton, president of the Fort Wayne branches of the Indiana State Bank and the Allen Hamilton National Bank. Hamilton was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1859, serving one term.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Custodial History

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/08/27 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid created 2015/08/27 by Linda Gellert.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Fort Wayne (Ind.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Hamilton, Allen, 1798-1864

**Subject(s)**

- Checks
- Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana